

# Letters to the Editor

Resident **Adriene Zuckerberg** inquired why Redmond only uses traffic cameras to alert drivers of traffic situations and not to also catch "red light runners." She suggests traffic cameras used at stoplights could deter drivers who run red lights and would also protect pedestrians at crosswalks. Paul Cho, City of Redmond Traffic Operations Engineer answers that the City of Redmond is actually looking into two different types of camera systems; surveillance and enforcement, which could both be in place by summer, 2006. The City is taking measures to study each system carefully before it is deployed. Residents with questions can contact Paul Cho at 425-556-2751 or pcho@redmond.gov.

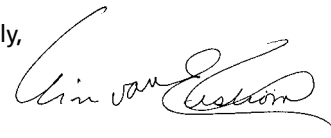
Regarding our winter issue's feature article on diversity, Resident **Joanne Preston** reminds us that another diverse population in Redmond is people with disabilities. She says while the City has been very receptive and considerate of this group, residents need to remember that people with disabilities live, work and pay taxes here and are a vital part of our "community of good

neighbors." Joanne stresses that rather than viewing people with disabilities as separate from the community, we need to recognize that they have a lot to contribute and to give them equal consideration. She encourages residents to focus on the gifts this group rather than their disabilities.

Also, **Dr. Chip Kimball**, Assistant Superintendent and CIO of the Lake Washington School District Eastlake Learning Community Information Service Division made a correction to the statement that 50% of students in LWSD come from poverty families. District wide, the statistic is actually 7%.

Focus on Redmond is written and designed by city staff, but we always reserve space for comments from our readers. We welcome your comments and ideas about our magazine or any topic associated with the City of Redmond.

Sincerely,



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Join the City of Redmond to **CELEBRATE**

# ARBOR DAY

at Grass Lawn Park  
Friday, April 28  
Meet at the Dome Picnic Shelter



**H**elp renovate an area previously overrun with blackberries and English ivy by planting native trees in commemoration of Arbor Day 2006.

*Come prepared with gloves and planting tools.*  
Refreshments will be provided.

**4:00 p.m.**  
Volunteer Sign-In

**4:15 p.m.**  
Mayor Proclamation

**4:30 p.m.**  
Restoration Planting Begins

Let us know if you plan to participate in this event by contacting **Chris Tolonen** at 425-556-2369.

